

GIRL TRAMPLED BY MEN IN PANIC ON BURNING CAR

Faints From Fright as Controller Is Short Circuited on Brooklyn Trolley.

EIGHT PERSONS HURT.

Passengers Cut by Glass as They Leap Through Windows to Escape Flames.

Out of the midst of blue flames, with trolley wires, heavily charged, and splintered glass, eight passengers on a Third Avenue, Brooklyn, trolley car were dragged by volunteer rescuers to-day, all more or less hurt by cuts and the trampling of fellow passengers. A short circuit in the controller box, just as the car was opposite the Court street corner on Livingston street, was the cause of the few minutes of panic and the resultant injuries to passengers.

The car, bound from New York and under control of Motorman James Scanlon of No. 311 Fifty-seventh street, and Conductor Charles Hill of No. 100 Nelson street, had just passed the Court street crossing and was opposite the Brooklyn Eye and Ear Hospital when, for some reason not yet announced by the B. R. T. officials, a short circuit was formed in the controller box. A broad sheet of electric flame jumped across the street, leaped to the overhead wire and down to the batteries beneath the car. A section of the overhead wire, about twenty feet long, dropped to the street and twisted under the compulsion of the current in it until the section insulator on a pole overhead burst out automatically and rendered the wire harmless and rendered the passengers in panic as the flames arose.

At the first flash forty-odd passengers in the car jumped to their feet. Then when the flames from the insulated batteries beneath the car began to flare out and smoke arose in a dense volume, panic seized them. Those nearest the doors made a rush for them; others tried to throw open the windows to clamber out.

Miss Elvira B. Fay, a seventeen-year-old stenographer, who lives at No. 418 Van Brunt street, fainted in the first spasm of excitement and fell to the floor of the car. As she lay there she was severely trampled by some of the four or five men who were trying to get out of the car. It was not until Oscar White of No. 218 Moore street fought others away from the girl's body and lifted her in his arms to drag her out that the fainting girl was saved from further harm. As it was, her face and neck were scored by cuts of glass and there were marks of boot heels on her arms and face.

Rinaldo Terziesiere of No. 108 Mulberry street stood on the seat and kicked all the glass out of one of the windows, then plunged head first into the street. Others followed his example, and in a few minutes the car was cleared, but there was a motley array of people nursing cuts and bruises along the curb.

GREAT CROWD ATTRACTED BY THE ACCIDENT.
The sound of the crashing glass and the flare of the flames brought a large crowd. Students from the Brooklyn Polytechnic School, opposite the scene of the accident, ran down to swell the numbers. Then an automobile with several claim agents of the B. R. T. came rushing up from the traction company's office and the agents arranged for the transfer of the wounded to the Eye and Ear Hospital. With the injured once inside the B. R. T. agents stood guard over the door, denying entrance and information to all who sought it.

The names of the injured, as recorded on the Adams street station blotter, are as follows:

Miss Elvira B. Fay, No. 418 Van Brunt street; Miss Genevieve Gaynor, No. 30 Walnut street; Miss Elizabeth Schults, No. 17 King street; Miss Francis H. Hines, No. 54 Warren street; Isadore Kohn, No. 23 Bedford avenue; John Cabel, No. 12 Mulberry street; Oscar White, No. 26 Moore street; Rinaldo Terziesiere, No. 108 Mulberry street. None had more serious hurts than cuts and bruises.

MISSING CASHIER CAUGHT HIDING IN NEWARK.

Fred J. Merwede of Brooklyn May Also Face Charges of Bigamy.

A. M. Birdall, counsel for the National Surety Company, of No. 115 Broadway, today asked Gov. Dix to secure the return from Newark, N. J., of Fred J. Merwede, cashier and bookkeeper of the Knickerbocker Ice Company's plant at Fourth and Bond streets, Brooklyn. Merwede is accused of embezzling \$1,500 of the funds of the company, though the shortage may be larger when a complete audit of his books has been made.

Merwede was arrested last night at a boarding house at No. 63 Columbia street, Newark, where he was living under the name of Becker. He disappeared on March 17 and has since been followed by Detective Allen of the National Surety Company, in which he was bonded for \$1,000.

In Brooklyn, Merwede, who is forty-eight years old, lived with his wife, Mrs. Alice Barnett Merwede, and their two children, at No. 21 Twenty-third street. Mrs. Sadie Merwede, who, the officers say, has never been divorced from Merwede, lives at No. 125 Bay Fifth street, Brooklyn, with their four grown children.

The Brooklyn authorities are said to be investigating the marriage record with a view of instituting bigamy proceedings.

Typical Suffragette No Amazon; Fighting Women Are All Little



Far Easier for Manager to Recruit a Pony Ballet From Among Suffragettes Than to Find Women Enough in Ranks for a Show Girl Sextet.

Manly, Insistent Women Mr. Frohman Describes Are to Be Found More Frequently Among the Anti-Suffragists—But the Real Scrappers Are Little.

By Nixola Greeley-Smith.



Everything new requires the presence of the small woman. The reason for this is the suffragette movement. So many big men and insistent women take part in parades, deliver addresses from the platform and do kindred things to bring them in the limelight that the public demands to see something else on the stage.

Mr. Charles Frohman is quoted in London as having sounded the death knell of the tall girl in musical comedy with these fatal words. And since the stage sets the fashions in types and figures, the New York manager may be said to have paved the way to a renaissance of the mid-Victorian popularity of the little woman, and unless we can all turn ourselves into "cute little tricks" like Marguerite Clarke or bubbling little butter balls like Billie Burke, there is no hope for us, except, of course, we can prove that Mr. Frohman is in the wrong in this instance.

Let us consider first of all the size and might of the fighting suffragettes. Take Mrs. Pankhurst, little and frail, or her two militant daughters, Sylvia and Christabel, the latter now a fugitive from British justice, both distinctly small women. Or, coming nearer home, consider the stature of Dr. Anna Shaw, Mrs. Ida Husted Harper, Mrs. Belmont, Mrs. Harriet Stanton Blatch, Mrs. Reynolds, Mrs. Mary Dennett, the charming, gray-haired Mrs. Roxanna Burroughs—all women of medium height or less, and all to be found any day at suffrage meetings in this city. Why, it would be far easier for Mr. Frohman to recruit a pony ballet from among the suffragettes than to find women enough in their ranks for a show girl sextet!

MANLY WOMEN IN THE RANKS OF THE ANTI-SUFFRAGISTS.
The "manly and insistent" woman described by Mr. Frohman is found much more frequently among anti-suffragists.

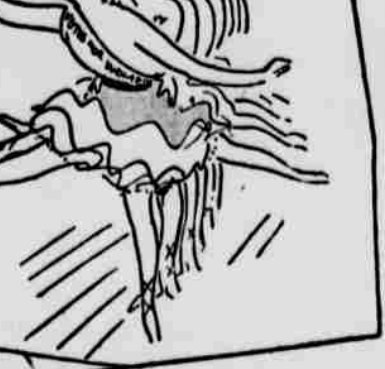


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MR. FROHMAN MUST HAVE MEANT "ANTIS" INSTEAD OF "SUFFRAGETTES"

physical. And there's always some two by four masculine despot to supply it. If you want to make a plant sturdy; if, for instance, you want your dahlias to stand without stakes, you have to pinch off the tops, which promotes a lower and wider growth. Any communist could tell Mr. Frohman this.

Of course, married men and communists and everybody else will agree with Mr. Frohman that little women are charming, but he really mustn't engage any little women who make false pretenses of meekness. Little women have been fooling men about their dispositions and character from the beginning of time, and this fact has had a sadly reducing effect on the average height of both men and women. Sexual selection leading the young man in search of a mate to pick a little and supposedly ultra gentle and feminine creature, the little creature has not revealed her fighting tendencies until after the wedding, and the height of the next generation has been influenced by her lack of inches.

The little woman has worn a mask too long, and if Mr. Frohman's remarks serve the purpose of revealing her in her true colors, he may be pardoned the error of considering her an anti-suffragist.

Before he engages little girls for his musical comedies and anti-suffrage propaganda let him come back to New York on May 4 and take a long look at the average height and weight of the women in the suffrage parade.

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Albert E. Herpin, Trenton's Victim of Strange Ailment, Admits He Is Weary.

CASE PUZZLES DOCTORS

Spends His Nights Thinking Out Inventions and Days at Pottery Work.

(Special to The Evening World.)

TRENTON, N. J., April 10.—Having been without sleep for thirty years, Albert E. Herpin, a Trenton man, at last complains of feeling weary. Mentally he experiences no weariness, but he says he is physically weak and believes a nap of only five minutes' duration would give him new life. Physicians who have been following the sleepless wanderer's case for years say he is merely suffering from overwork, and do not agree with the theory that so many years' wakefulness has caused his physical health to fall.

Since the power of sleep left him Herpin has never before expressed a desire to even doze. He has shown no lassitude day or night. The only rest he gets is when he sits in a comfortable chair for several hours each night, but he does not even then close his eyes. His sleeplessness has brought him considerable money, as he thought out inventions during some of his resting periods that proved successful. He works every day, excepting Sunday, in a local pottery, and he spends most of the night working out inventions or decorating pottery for friends.

HIS ONLY COMPLAINT IS THAT OF LONELINESS.

Herpin is always in good spirits and when he reports to his employers in the morning he seems as fresh as any of his fellow workmen who had hours of sound sleep. Those who work with the sleepless man assert that he keeps constantly busy and exhibits not the slightest symptom of drowsiness. The only

complaint that Herpin has made because of his condition is that he becomes lonely frequently at night when he has nothing to keep him busy.

Herpin lost his ability to sleep after the death of his wife thirty years ago. He was then thirty years old. He consulted physicians who studied his strange condition, but who were unable to help him. From time to time he has been secretly watching at night. The medical men who undertook this task are convinced the man has not slept a moment since first attacked by the strange malady from which he is believed to be suffering.

THINKS "SPRING FEVER."
Experts from all parts of the United States have visited Herpin's home and studied his condition, and have gone away convinced that he had been awake longer than any man in the world. Herpin enjoys the visits of these experts, as many of them remain with him for nights. He says he never believes he will sleep again. He talked to-day of his present physical weakness.

"I don't think it is the want of sleep that makes me feel weary," he said, "because if it was I would have felt the same way years ago. I believe I have the 'spring fever,' and my only desire now, after all these years, for a five-minute nap is that I would like to forget for at least that period the stiffness in my joints. Otherwise I would be satisfied to remain wide awake for the rest of my life."

"I do not believe a man needs sleep, and I believe that it will be a long life without it. Until a few days ago, when I began to feel weary, I felt as well as I did when I was a young man. To tell you the truth, I would hate to sleep a part of my life away. I find that I can think and work better at night than I can in the day time. I have never been really sick in my life, and I believe that I am as strong today as any man of my age in this city."

Herpin is of robust physique, and seems to love work. Physicians agree that his condition of sleeplessness was brought about by overwork over his wife's death, but are unable to explain how his wakefulness has continued for so long a period without injuring him both physically and mentally.

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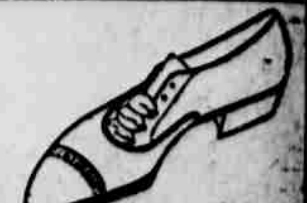
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